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52/18. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[1] and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recalling the Manila Declaration[2] adopted by the First International Conference of New or Restored Democracies[3] in June 1988,

Considering the major changes taking place on the international scene and the aspirations of all peoples for an international order based on the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including the promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and other important principles, such as respect for the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, peace, democracy, justice, equality, the rule of law, pluralism, development, better standards of living and solidarity,

Recalling its resolution 49/30 of 7 December 1994 in which it recognized the importance of the Managua Declaration[4] and Plan of Action[5] adopted by the Second International Conference of New or Restored

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[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

[2] A/43/538, annex.

[3] Then called the International Conference of Newly Restored Democracies.

[4] A/49/713, annex I.

[5] Ibid., annex II.

Democracies in July 1994, as well as its resolutions 50/133 of 20 December 1995 and 51/31 of 6 December 1996,

Taking note of the Universal Declaration on Democracy, adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Council at its session held at Cairo on 16 September 1997,[6]

Also taking note of the International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity, held in New York from 28 to 30 June 1997,

Noting with satisfaction the holding of the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies on Democracy and Development at Bucharest from 2 to 4 September 1997, and the adoption of the document entitled "Progress Review and Recommendations"[7] in which the progress towards democratization and consolidation of democratic institutions was assessed and guidelines, principles and recommendations were addressed to Governments, civil society, the private sector, donor countries and the international community,

Noting in particular the recommendations addressed to the United Nations system and the international financial organizations, contained in that document,[8]

Welcoming the inclusion of a Civil Society Forum in the proceedings of the Bucharest Conference,

Noting the efforts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to encourage education for democracy,

Taking note of the views of Member States expressed in the debate on this question at its forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first and fifty-second sessions,

Bearing in mind that the activities of the United Nations carried out in support of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate democracy are undertaken in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and only at the specific request of the Member States concerned,

Also bearing in mind that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing and that democracy is based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and on their full participation in all aspects of their lives,

Noting that a considerable number of societies have recently undertaken significant efforts to achieve their social, political and economic goals through democratization and the reform of their economies, pursuits that are deserving of the support and recognition of the international community,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[9] and its special focus on policies and principles and on the recent events shaping the emerging framework for intergovernmental action in the field of democratization,

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[6] A/52/437, annex IV.

[7] A/52/334, annex, appendix.

[8] Ibid., sect. IV.

[9] A/52/513.

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the observations and recommendations contained in the report with respect to electoral assistance, strengthening civil society, coordinating United Nations activities in democratization and governance and promoting democracy for the twenty-first century;

3. *Takes note* of the proposal of the Secretary-General that future conferences on democracy be open to all States Members of the United Nations that wish to participate;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies to hold the next conference in an African country;

5. *Also welcomes* the offer of the Government of Benin to host at Cotonou the Fourth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies;

6. *Commends* the Secretary-General, and through him the United Nations system, for the activities undertaken at the request of Governments to support the efforts to consolidate democracy;

7. *Recognizes* that the Organization has an important role to play in providing timely, appropriate and coherent support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts;

8. *Stresses* that activities undertaken by the Organization must be in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

9. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the capacity of the Organization to respond effectively to the requests of Member States through coherent, adequate support of their efforts to achieve the goals of good governance and democratization;

10. *Encourages* Member States to promote democratization and to make additional efforts to identify possible steps to support the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to contribute actively to the follow-up process of the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies on Democracy and Development;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution, including innovative ways and means to enable the Organization to respond effectively and in an integrated manner to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of good governance and democratization;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies".

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1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

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3. *Takes note* of the proposal of the Secretary-General that future conferences on democracy be open to all States Members of the United Nations that wish to participate;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Third International Conference of New or Restored Democracies to hold the next conference in an African country;

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9. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to improve the capacity of the Organization to respond effectively to the requests of Member States through coherent, adequate support of their efforts to achieve the goals of good governance and democratization;

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12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution, including innovative ways and means to enable the Organization to respond effectively and in an integrated manner to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of good governance and democratization;

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13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies".

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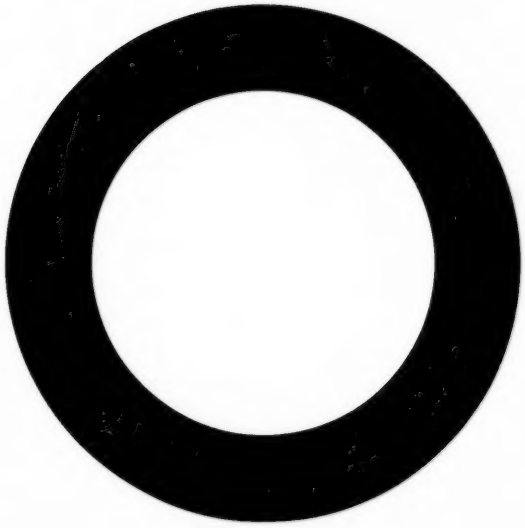

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52/19. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters as maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that their activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolution 51/21 of 27 November 1996, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to initiate, maintain and increase consultation and programmes with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives,

Bearing in mind that the Treaty of Izmir, signed at Izmir, Turkey, on 12 March 1977, later revised at Ashgabat on 11 May 1996 and signed at Izmir on 14 September 1996, created a permanent body for intraregional cooperation, consultation and coordination in order to enhance economic, social and cultural development, and bearing in mind also the measures being taken by the Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at the reorganization and restructuring of the organization,

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations system and the Economic Cooperation Organization promote the implementation of the goals and principles of those organizations,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization welcoming the adoption of General Assembly resolution 51/21 on cooperation between the two organizations and endorsing the cooperative arrangements entered into by the Economic Cooperation Organization with various entities of the United Nations system for joint efforts towards the implementation of the economic projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/21,[1] and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his efforts, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization, to promote and expand cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations to attain their common objectives;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the emphasis placed in the Ashgabat Declaration, issued by the Extraordinary Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held at Ashgabat on 13 and 14 May 1997,[2] on the meaningful development of economic cooperation in priority areas of transport and communications and energy with a view to facilitating the access of the landlocked States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to world markets;

4. *Welcomes* the continuation of efforts towards further consolidation of interregional consultations and exchange of views on issues of common concern through such useful forums as the annual meeting of the executive heads of Asia's subregional organizations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which held its third meeting at Tehran in May 1997;

5. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue and increase consultation and cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives;

6. *Invites* the relevant international financial institutions to give appropriate consideration to regional development plans, including projects and programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization, in order to extend their assistance in the implementation of these programmes and, in particular, to the establishment of a comprehensive transport and communications infrastructure in the region of the Economic Cooperation Organization that would provide the landlocked countries with greater mobility to promote interregional trade and to establish mutually beneficial economic and commercial interaction with other regions;

7. *Invites* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, as the regional arm of the United Nations, to assume a more active role in promoting cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization, and reiterates in this regard its request made in paragraph 5 of resolution 51/21 in the context of the report to be submitted by the Executive Secretary of the Commission to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session, in 1998;

8. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the fact that it is proposed to introduce the Advance Cargo Information System and the Automated System for Customs Data of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which are compatible with other systems, in the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, with the technical assistance of, *inter alia*, the Conference;

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[1] A/52/313.

[2] A/52/332, annex.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

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